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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-fourth session at United Nations Headquarters from 26 February to 1 March 2013. The Commission held six meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 23 States members of the Commission.[1] Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2013/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February 2013, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary)

Vice-Chairs:
Jill Matheson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

[1] One seat for the Western European and other States remains vacant.

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Pablo Tactuk (Dominican Republic)
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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. Also at its 1st meeting, on 26 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2013/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Programme review: developing a statistical-spatial framework in national statistical systems;
   (b) Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
   (c) National accounts;
   (d) Environmental-economic accounting;
   (e) Environment statistics;
   (f) International trade statistics;
   (g) Agricultural statistics;
   (h) International Comparison Programme;
   (i) Gender statistics;
   (j) Crime statistics;
   (k) Health statistics;
   (l) Coordination of statistical activities in the United Nations system;
   (m) Regional statistical development in Africa.
4. Items for information:
   (a) Demographic statistics;
   (b) Education statistics;
   (c) Employment statistics;
   (d) Business registers;
   (e) Service statistics;
   (f) Statistics for economies based on natural resources;
   (g) Development indicators;
   (h) Statistics of science and technology;
   (i) Informal sector statistics;

(j) Statistical capacity-building;

(k) Price statistics;

(l) Integrated economic statistics;

(m) International economic and social classifications;

(n) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

(o) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

(p) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

5. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fifth session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-fourth session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/2013/L.1).

6. Also at the 1st meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at its forty-fourth session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the Eurasian Economic Commission, the European Free Trade Association, the Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-fourth session are available at the website of the United Nations Statistics Division at http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission_44th_session.htm.